



# News from Congressman **Tom Lantos**

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## **Committee Approves Transportation Bill With High-Priority Projects for the Peninsula, San Francisco**

**Washington, DC** – Congressman Tom Lantos (D-San Mateo, San Francisco) today welcomed the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee decision to include several important local projects in its bill, expected to come before the full House for a vote next week, to provide \$275 billion for the nation's highway and transit programs during the next six years.

"The Transportation Equity Act will create jobs and infrastructure for the future," Congressman Lantos said. "I am pleased that the Committee accepted my recommendations to support these very important projects."

The new funding includes \$6 million over three years for the San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority's next ferryboat stop, planned for Oyster Point in South San Francisco. With backing from House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and Congressman Lantos, this expanded ferry service is expected to provide commuters in the East Bay, San Francisco and South San Francisco with convenient and dependable service.

Congressman Lantos also ensured that \$4.2 million was included in the bill to assist the State Transportation Improvement Program to help fund one of the region's priority projects, adding auxiliary lanes to U.S. Highway 101 from Third Avenue to Millbrae Avenue to ease the flow of traffic.

Working with San Francisco Supervisor Bevan Dufty, Congressman Lantos ensured that the transportation bill includes \$3.3 million to help the Glen Park Transit Oriented Project. This program is designed to resolve existing traffic, transit, and parking problems, improve connections and pedestrian safety, enhance local business vitality, and build housing served by mass transportation.

Under the new transportation bill, the City of Pacifica will receive \$2.3 million to make much-needed improvements to Manor Drive and the San Pedro Creek Bridge.

\$1.2 million will be available for the San Mateo County Transit Authority (SamTrans) to purchase security cameras for installation in SamTrans buses and in passenger waiting stations.

The transportation bill also includes \$1 million to close a gap in the San Francisco Bay Trail and to provide for a bicycle and pedestrian overpass to cross U.S. Highway 101 at Millbrae Avenue.

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